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TURF MEN READY TO
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Merely Waiting in New Orleans
for the Running of the Two
Big Derbys.

MILLER AND GARDNER RIVALS

Former Quick at the Start—The
Latter Is the Stronger in a
Stretch Run.

NEW ORLEANS, March 4.—"On to Benning" is the slogan of many horse owners and race-goers from the East who are now quartered here.

With the opening of the Eastern racing season only three weeks away many of the turfmen who have participated in the race meetings at the City Park and Fair Grounds tracks during the winter are preparing to migrate to the North. Horse cars are being engaged for the trip, and in a few days hundreds of the thoroughbreds will be on their way to Washington.

The horsemen who have candidates for the Crescent City and the City Park Derbys, the two richest stake fixtures of the winter meetings, will remain here until these races are run. Those that are not held here, with a few exceptions, will soon ship to Washington in order to rest up their horses and prepare them for the opening on March 25th.

Burlew & O'Neill, who head the list of winning owners, will stay here just long enough to start their horses for the big events. Part of their stable, consisting of a large number of two-year-olds that did not race here, but were reserved that their bone and sinew might develop, were shipped some time ago to Benning. When the young owners determine to go home, they will have only a small stable to forward.

James H. McCormick will stay here until the end of racing, no matter how long it may last. He will not take part in the Benning meeting, but will ship direct to New York.

Many owners complain that the book program arranged by the clerk of the course for the forthcoming meeting will exclude the best horses. With little or no chance to nominate the best ones, owners will trundle on to New York, where the programs at the Aqueduct and Jamaica tracks are more apt to afford contests between good horses.

At Benning it seems to be the aim each spring to cater to the "plugs," "milders" and apprentice jockeys.

Miller Coming to New Orleans.

The report is that Walter Miller, the famous jockey in America, will ride here for a few days, has served to arouse increased interest in the sport. It is authentically stated that he will have the mount on "Boots" Durnell's horse, a colt named "Boots" Durnell. When he arrives racegoers will extend to him a hearty welcome, for his work in the saddle on the Atlantic and the coast has won him many admirers on the Mexican Gulf.

Temacoe's victory in the California Derby assures Miller an excellent mount in the Derby.

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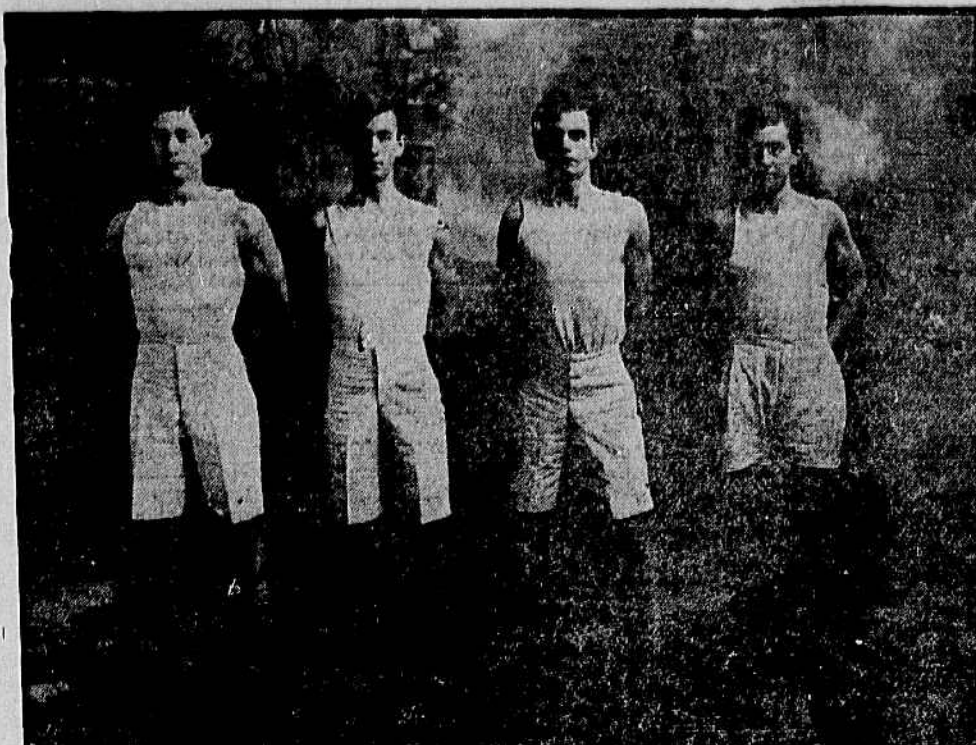
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TRACK TEAM OF RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL
WHICH WILL RUN IN ARMORY INDOOR MEET

DAVID LICHTENSTEIN, JOHN SIMPSON, ROBERT MILES, IRA LICHTENSTEIN.

The committee on program of the Virginia Volunteers Athletic Association is working hard for the track meet to be held in the armory on Thursday night, and several other events than those already scheduled have been arranged for.

A very interesting mile relay race will be that between the Covenanters and the St. Andrew's team. Another mile relay race will be that between the second team of McGuire's School and the team of the St. Augustine Literary Society. The members of the former team are D. Walker, C. Williams, W. Taylor and T. D. Adamson.

The meet will present many attractions, and those who have entered the lists for the various events are among the city's best young athletes. The committee hopes that there will be a large attendance.

NEW ORLEANS, March 4.—The races were transferred to City Park to-day, and odds-on favorites took a prominent part in the winnings. The entire matter is being heard at one time, and will probably consume all of to-day.

Hon. Eppa Hunton, Jr., is representing the Tidewater and Western; Hon. W. B. McIlwaine, of Petersburg, the Coast Line, and Mr. R. B. Tunstall, of Norfolk, the Southern.

It seems that the Tidewater and Western runs through a country where the wood-shipping business is quite an item, and serious delay in handling cars is complained of. A carload of wood coming to the Richmond market from the Tidewater and Western must be transferred to the Southern at Moseley, or the Coast Line at Chester. This is how the two latter roads happen to get in the way.

There were several witnesses who testified strongly as to the alleged neglect on the part of the railroads to furnish proper facilities, but the Tidewater and Western got the worst end of it all the time.

Mr. W. E. Gill, Jr., of the firm of Gill Brothers, wood dealers in Manchester, testified that his firm had had a thousand cords of wood in this road, which he had been trying for two years to have hauled.

He had gotten a small shipment last November, but had been unable to move it at the present rate of shipment, and he answered that he could not say, but that before it could be moved a good deal of it would not be worth hauling.

Thought It Only Advice.

It seems that the commission ordered some time ago that the road furnish the shippers at least one wood train a week, but the authorities seemed to construe this as advice rather than an order.

Mr. Gill said the great delay was caused at Chester by reason of the Coast Line's failure to furnish cars to the Tidewater and Western.

Messrs. Hunton and McIlwaine briefly cross-examined the witness, and he was excused.

Mr. C. R. Guy, of the firm of Ellington & Guy, lumber dealers of this city, next testified.

Mr. Guy said the firm had secured considerable trouble and inconvenience. Sometimes he received lumber that had been loaded three months before, and it was often much damaged from exposure. He had got several carloads of lumber since December, when he should have had thirty-five or forty.

Mr. C. L. Dyer, of Winterpeak, had been in the wood business, and had been tried to abandon it because he could not get his wood hauled to market.

There were several other witnesses who testified along the same line.

The case will be completed to-day, and it is practically certain that the commission will require the companies to afford the relief sought by the shippers.

OPEN NEW Y. M. C. A.

Hundreds See Handsome New Structure at Lynchburg.

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LYNCHBURG, VA., March 4.—The formal opening of the new \$90,000 Y. M. C. A. building took place to-night, with a reception to the subscribers to the building fund.

The building was crowded for several hours, the visitors being shown over by the building committee. A brief prayer and song service took place when the building was thrown open for the evening.

The formal opening will be extended over Tuesday and Wednesday.

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GIANTS WIN FIRST
GAME OF SEASON

New York Team, Aided by a
Philadelphia Pitcher, Defeats
Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., March 4.—The New York Giants played the first game of their 1907 season here this afternoon, winning from the Los Angeles Pacific Coast team by a score of 5 to 3. The attendance was 3,500.

Just off the train after a 3,500 mile journey, the two-time champions shaped up remarkably well, and with big Ruben Vickers, of the Philadelphia Americans, in the box, the New Yorkers displayed flashes of big league form, holding the locals safe at every stage.

Oscar Jones was working for the Angel team, and whenever runs were needed the big leaguers fell on their old-time rival and hammered him.

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Quaker City Fighter Too Strong
for New Yorker—Young Otto
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PHILADELPHIA, PA., March 4.—New York took three of the five intercity bouts at the National A. C. Saturday night, and a big crowd of Gothamers cheered their fighting. But a Philadelphia landed the honors of the night. This was Unk Russell, who won from Amby McGarry, of New York, with plenty to spare. McGarry, however, put up a hard battle for the first five rounds, and did not give up until the final round.

The best of the other bouts was that between Young Otto, of New York, and Young Nitchie, of this city. Otto was evidently in a badly rattled condition, and although he won on points, he should have scored a knockout. Kil Locke, of this city, had the better of Eddie Johnson, of New York. Jimmy Moran, of New York, outboxed Joe Smith, of this city, while Bob Cullen, of New York, defeated Young Clifford, of Philadelphia.

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